## SENATE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2408 [LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

## Michael R. Knapik

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Validating the Election of a Charter Commission in the City of Holyoke.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Michael F. Kane	5th Hampden

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Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any defect or omissions in the procedure for the placement of the question on the ballot at the 2009 city election in the city of Holyoke relative to the election of a charter commission and notwithstanding any defects or omissions in the wording of that question, the election of a charter commission established for the purpose of amending the city's charter and all actions taken by the charter commission pursuant to that election are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the question was properly placed in proper form as required by chapter 43B of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the proposed charter revisions recommended by the Holyoke charter commission and submitted to the city council pursuant to section 9 of chapter 43B of the General Laws shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Holyoke for their approval at the city election to be held on November 8, 2011.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.